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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission, 4455 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Ms. Dortch:

As the CEO for one of the most established mediation firms in the country—and a volunteer firefighter for the small mountain community of Jamestown—I want to encourage the FCC's support for a wireless company, **LightSquared**. LightSquared is in the process of developing a new 4G-LTE wireless communications and data network for Colorado.

Especially in mountainous regions, it is critically important for the fire crew to keep in touch with each other. I was on the team for the four-mile fire and closely monitor other fires in the area. I know this technology could help fire departments keep in better contact with their fire crew. I hope you will support LightSquared's process and work to expedite the launch of this important new service.

In our mediation business, mobile handheld devices are extremely important to staying in contact. It is essential to Colorado's economic competitiveness that we continue to build out our mobile broadband infrastructure. LightSquared would bring more broadband communications to Colorado, and thus would also create jobs and economic development.

I live at in the foothills and I know firemen, emergency medical technicians and other first responders are eager for this kind of technology, which would create a seamless backup in the case of natural disasters or other emergencies. I also understand that LightSquared's network would be the first to combine ground-based cells with satellite communications.

I'm asking you to please work with LightSquared because it will help small business by expanding mobile broadband capacity and availability in our state.

Sincerely,

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